

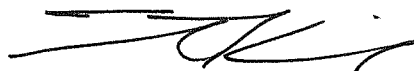
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is submitted following the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences where the rejection of dependent Claim 18 has been reversed. The Examiner has canceled independent Claims 1, 12, 24, and 41. Accordingly, Claim 18 has been rewritten into independent form and amended to incorporate previous independent Claim 12 such that Claim 18 and Claims 19-23 that depend therefrom are in condition for allowance. Dependent Claims 2, 5-14, 16, 17, 24, 25, and 28-43 have been canceled. In light of the claim amendments, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the claims.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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